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**REMARKS**

In advance of examination, Applicants hereby amend claims 1, 9-10, 16, 19, 30, 42 and 44 of the present application to more clearly recite the invention. Specifically, Applicants have amended the claims to refer to “node(s)” of a hierarchical stream rather than “element(s).” Applicants have also amended the claims to recite “at least one row element” instead of “each row element” for additional scope of protection. No new matter has been added.

An early examination and allowance of the present application is earnestly solicited.

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